

State Profile: North Carolina

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Program Funding and Participation

Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)¹

Funding	
CCDF Expenditure:	\$347,049,713
Federal Expenditure:	\$280,965,568
State Expenditure:	\$66,084,145
Participation	
Average Monthly Number of Children Served:	72,100
Average Monthly Number of Families Served:	35,000

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)²

Funding	
TANF – Total Child Care Expenditure:	\$196,329,249
TANF – Direct Expenditure on Child Care:	\$111,998,349
TANF – Transfer to CCDF:	\$84,330,900

Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)⁵

Funding	
CACFP Funding:	\$75,565,642
Participation	
Number of participating family child care homes:	3,129
Number of participating child care centers:	2,262
Average daily participation of children in family child care homes:	14,668
Average daily participation of children in child care centers:	11,603

Child Care Tax Credits⁶

Funding	
Federal Total Amount Claimed:	\$110,428,000
Federal Number of Claims:	220,004
State Tax Credit Available:	Yes
State Credit Refundable:	No

Head Start³

Funding	
Head Start State Allocation:	\$146,070,201
Participation	
Number of Children Participating in Head Start:	18,903

State-Funded Prekindergarten⁴

Funding	
State Expenditure:	\$170,471,908
Participation	
Enrollment (3 and 4 year olds):	31,485

CCDF Policies

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Quality

Licensing Process⁷

Child Care Facilities	Number	Capacity
Child Care Centers	5,052	390,701
Small Family Child Care Homes	3,817	28,210
Large/Group Family Child Care Homes	0	0
Other Licensed Facilities:	0	0
Total:	8,869	418,911

Licensing Agency Staff	
Number of Licensing Line Staff	108
Estimated Caseloads	82:1

Types of Routine Compliance Inspections Conducted	Announced	Unannounced
Child Care Centers	No	Yes
Small Family Child Care Homes	No	Yes
Large/Group Family Child Care Homes	No	No

Frequency of Inspections	
Child Care Centers	Once a year
Small Family Child Care Homes	Once a year
Large/Group Family Child Care Homes	No category of facility

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North Carolina Licensing Profile

Program Quality⁸

Program Standards	
State has program standards that are at least one level above licensing	Yes
Standards are part of an implemented quality rating and improvement system (QRIS)	Yes
Standards are part of a QRIS pilot or QRIS in development	No
Standards are part of another statewide quality improvement initiative	No

Program Supports	
State provides technical assistance/consultation to help programs improve quality	Yes
TA is part of a QRIS	Yes
State has an accreditation facilitation project	No
State has health consultants	Yes
State has infant/toddler specialists	Yes
State has school-age care specialists	Yes
State has inclusion specialists	Yes
State has mental health specialists	Yes
State has support for family, friend, and neighbor caregivers	No

Quality Assurance	
State is using environment rating scales to measure quality (ECERS, FCCRS, SACERS, ITERS)	Yes
State is using the Program Administration Scale or Business Administration Scale (PAS/BAS)	No
State is using other assessment tools, i.e., Early Learning and Literacy Classroom Observation (ELLCO) or Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)	No
Program assessments are part of a QRIS	Yes

Financial Incentives	
State has enhanced rates/tiered reimbursement tied to quality	Yes
State has grants/bonuses/awards to help meet licensing requirements	No
State has grants/bonuses/awards for working toward levels of quality	No
State has grants/bonuses/awards for achieving levels of quality	No
Financial incentives are part of a QRIS	Yes

Consumer Engagement	
State has a Web site for parents with information about quality	Yes
State publishes quality ratings on the Internet or in print	Yes
State publishes information about licensing compliance on the Internet	Yes
State conducts consumer engagement campaign with a focus on quality	Yes

Quality Rating and Improvement System
North Carolina Star Rated License System

Professional Development Systems⁹

Core Knowledge/Competencies	
State has defined core/knowledge competencies for practitioners	No

Qualifications, Credentials, Pathways	
State has a career lattice/ladder	No
State has a practitioner registry	No
State has credentials (e.g., director, early childhood, school-age, infant/toddler, etc.)	Yes

Quality Assurance	
State has a trainer approval system	Yes
State has a training approval system	Yes

Access and Outreach	
State has mentoring/coaching to help practitioners improve their skills	No
State has career advising	Yes
State has a database or calendar of training opportunities on the Internet	No

Funding for Practitioners	
State has scholarships, including TEACH Early Childhood® Project	Yes
State has wage supplements/incentive bonuses	Yes

Professional Development System
North Carolina Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development

Early Learning Guidelines¹⁰

Age Group		Early Learning Guidelines
Birth to 3 years	Yes	North Carolina Infant-Toddler Foundations
3 to 5 years	Yes	Early Learning Standards for North Carolina Preschoolers and Strategies for Guiding Their Success
Birth to 5 years	No	

Demographics

Children and Families¹¹

Population Statistics	
Total population:	9,380,884
Number of children under 5:	654,065
Total number of children under 18:	2,273,608
Children under 5 as a percent of population:	6.97%
Children under 18 as a percent of population:	24.23%

Poverty Rate Estimates	
Children under 5 in poverty:	26.71%
Children under 18 in poverty:	22.55%

Children Living in Working Families	
Percent of children under 6 living with working parents:	22.86%
Percent of children ages 6-17 living with working parents:	48.35%

Workforce¹²

Workforce Statistics	
Number of paid employees in child care establishments	33,500
Number of self-employed child care providers	12,612
Average annual wage for child care workers	\$18,800

State Contacts Directories

CCDF Lead Agencies
Licensing Agencies
Professional Development Contacts
Child Care Resource and Referral Contacts
Other State Contacts

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